In accordance with the existing instructions, the enterprises were authorised to adopt the Government House Building Advance Scheme as a model with suitable modifications wherever necessary, subject to the understanding that responsibility for marshalling resources for financing House Building Advance scheme would rest with them and no budgetary support would be extended by the Government. Alternatively, the public enterprises have also been advised that they could adopt the interest subsidy scheme and the employees could be advised to obtain House Building Loans from specialised agencies like LIC, H.D.F.C. The subsidy on interest would be the difference between the rates charged by these specialised agencies and the rates charged by the Central Government on the House Building Advances.

Now that the recommendations of the Committee are available, appropriate instructions would be issued in due course to the public enterprises which hitherto followed 3rd CPC DA pattern to review their HBA Schemes in the light of the extant instructions.

Permission for import of 'Phorate'

@3017-C. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the consideration which weighed with Government in allowing free import of 'Phorate' Insecticide inspite of availability of adequate indigenous production capacity,

(b) whether this move by Government has placed the indigenous industry in disadvantage; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw this item from OGL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO): (a) Government have not allowed free import of 'Phorate' and some other pesticides but have allowed imports on limited OGL through IFFCO, KRIBHCO and State Agro Industries Corpn. on the consideration that pesticides should be freely available to the farmers at reasonable prices.

(b) We have not received any significant complaints from the industry about imports of Phorate or hurting of indigenous industry on account of any imports.

(c) There is no proposal to withdraw this item from limited OGL at present.

Import of technologies

†3017-D. DR. MOHAD HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign technologies imported in the country from January, 1987 till September, 1988 alongwith the names of countries of their origin;

(b) the amount of capital invested in these technologies; and

(c) what has been the impact of these imports on our production, export and exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 1495 foreign collaboration proposals were approved during the period from January, 87 to September, 88. Out of these, 449 cases involved financial participation amounting to Rs. 27706.155 lakhs. The details of approved foreign collaborations showing the names of the Indian and foreign firms, items of manufacture and nature of foreign collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly news letter. Copies of this publication are sent regualrly to parliament Library.

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†Previously Unstarred Question 3084, transferred from the 6th December, 1988.